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## ***JUDICIAL PROFILE***

**Barry C. Schneider** currently serves in the Special Assignment Department. Prior to that he was the Presiding Judge of the Domestic Relations Department, which is now called Family Court. Judge Schneider was not a newcomer to judicial leadership when he presided over Family Court, having served as Civil Department Presiding Judge from 1988 to 1991. Under his leadership in Family Court, he continued a strong reform agenda in one of the court's fastest caseload growth areas. He is an advocate of court reform and has testified before the Arizona Legislature on streamlining divorce processes and dealing with post-decree matters such as child support. In 1996 he championed a successful Parent Education Bill and prompted judicial and legislative action targeting deadbeat parents who refuse to pay child support. Working with court staff, he further refined the innovative Self-Service Center, which provides vast services for many domestic relations litigants without lawyers, and embarked on a process to simplify and streamline numerous hearings and legal processes. Judge Schneider received his B.A. in 1964 from State University of New York at Binghamton (formerly Harpur College). In 1968, he received his J. D. from St. John's University School of Law where he was an editor on the law review. He was admitted to practice in New York in 1968 and in Arizona in 1972. Before his appointment to the Bench in December 1985, he was an associate at Langerman, Begam, Lewis & Marks and later, a partner in the law firm of Rosen & Schneider.



Three years after Judge Schneider was appointed to the Bench, he was designated as the presiding judge of the civil department and helped push to completion new, simpler rules of civil discovery. After a three year respite as a criminal department trial judge, he accepted another leadership position as the presiding judge of the domestic relations department. He has served on the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on More Effective Use of Juries and the Committee on Criminal Justice. He also served as Chair/member of the Superior Court Committee of the Arizona Judicial Council (AJC), the State-Federal Judicial Council and Chair of the Maricopa County Bar Association's Bench/Bar Committee. He also serves on the State Bar Civil Practice and Procedure Committee, the Consumer Protection Committee and the Supreme Court's Committee on Family Court. He is a former faculty member at the Arizona College of Trial Advocacy and the Arizona Judicial College and has taught at other NITA programs. He is a former president of the Horace Rumpole Inn of Court. He developed a leadership position in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and published articles in Litigation magazine on settlement conferences and summary jury trials.

In 1997, the Maricopa County Bar Association awarded Judge Schneider the Henry S. Stevens Award for Outstanding Judge.